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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the University Grants Commission (UGC) aims at conserving the old college campus and award them special heritage status;
(b) if so, the details thereof and the list of proposals received from various colleges in the country, State-wise;
(c) whether UGC has awarded heritage status to some of the colleges;
(d) if so, the details thereof; and
(e) whether the Government proposes to provide special grants for upgradation and maintaining the old structures in the heritage status provided college campus and the funds earmarked for the current year for such college campus?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)
(a): Yes, Madam.
(b) to (d): The University Grants Commission (UGC) has informed that it has launched a scheme during the XII plan to provide Heritage Grants to universities and colleges which are more than 100 years old and accorded the Special Heritage Status by the UGC. The guidelines of the scheme of "Granting Special Heritage Status to Universities and Colleges" are available at http://www.ugc.ac.in/pdfnews/ 4170650_Guidelines-for-Heritage.pdf. The proposals of 60 colleges were considered by the UGC under the scheme and 19 colleges were approved/selected for this purpose. The State-wise number of proposals of eligible colleges considered and approved is at Annexure.
(e): The scheme guidelines have provision for grants for conservation work and offering short term certificate or diploma programme in any of the heritage branches. This is however dependent on the specific institutional requirements and evaluation by the UGC Expert Committee. As on date 19 Colleges have been recommended for funding under the scheme. The allocated grant is released as per availability of fund. A total of Rs.2505.58 lakhs has been allocated to these colleges. The details of grants allocated to these colleges, college-wise, is at http://www.ugc.ac.in/ pdfnews/8647293_Heritage-website.pdf.
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